

General Counsel

Attention: Mr. Pforzheimer

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News Item Concerning FBIB Cyprus Station

The following is extracted from a recent progress report from
[redacted] FBIB representative on Cyprus:

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"The following item appeared in the 'Cyprus Mail', an English language daily newspaper, on Thursday, June 10, 1948:

'Eleftheria reports on the progress made by the Monitoring Service for a reception station in Cyprus and says that the place chosen is in Kyrenia, near Karavas. The site has been already purchased at an average of £ 150 per donum, and the buildings to be erected are estimated to cost £ 50,000 to £ 60,000. Mechanical installations will be brought in from the U.S.A. according to the report.

'Eleftheria, in which this article originally appeared, is a Greek language newspaper, which follows a middle of the road political policy. A translation of the original article is as follows:

Radio receiving station to be established at Karavas. Further information to that already published in Eleftheria on 20th February last, according to which a radio monitoring service (recording of news broadcasts of foreign radio stations) was contemplated. We now understand that it has already been decided the establishment of such a station by Americans after agreement with the British Government.

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A suitable place for this purpose was chosen by American specialists, who have been in Cyprus since February last. This place is situated between Karavas, "Acheropitos" Monastery and the country Inn called "Zerphyros", which has already been bought from farmer owners at the rate of about £ 150 per donum.

The plans for the whole installation, including offices, houses, accommodations for the American technical personnel and other buildings, were prepared by an architect's office in Athens in cooperation with the American specialists stationed there. In the near future the construction of the buildings will start, which according to relative estimates, will cost about £ 50,000 to

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